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HERNDON TOWN COUNCIL WILL NOT APPEAL ANTI-SOLICITATION RULING *Day Worker Site Will Close Following Cessation of Operations by Reston Interfaith; Traffic, Zoning Regulations to be Strictly Enforced Throughout Town*

Herndon, VA (September 5, 2007) – Herndon Mayor Stephen J. DeBenedittis announced today that the Town of Herndon will not appeal the ruling by Circuit Court Judge Leslie Alden, rendered on August 29, 2007, that found the Town’s anti-solicitation ordinance to be unconstitutional.

Furthermore, said DeBenedittis, absence of an enforceable anti-solicitation ordinance negates the need for a regulated day worker site within the Town; therefore, following the cessation of operations by Reston Interfaith, Inc. on September 14, the existing day worker site will close.

“The viewpoint of the majority of this Council is that a regulated site was necessary only as a means of enforcing the Town’s anti-solicitation ordinance,” DeBenedittis said. “As there is no longer an enforceable ordinance, there is no longer a reason for the Town of Herndon to support a regulated day worker site.”

DeBenedittis emphasized that the Town is fully prepared to maintain a safe and efficient community by strictly enforcing zoning regulations that prohibit the establishment of day worker assembly sites on land not zoned accordingly; by continuing existing efforts by the

Herndon Police Department to maintain unobstructed right-of-way through Town streets; and by working closely with businesses to protect their rights to maintain properties for their intended purposes. “The Herndon Town Council continues in its commitment to maintaining an efficient, safe community for our citizens,” DeBenedittis said.

The Town of Herndon was incorporated by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Virginia on January 14, 1879. Located in western Fairfax County, Herndon is the 3rd largest town in the Commonwealth and is home to more than 23,000 citizens. Businesses located within the Town of Herndon, which range from high tech enterprises to entrepreneurially-owned establishments, employ approximately 23,500 people. In 2006, Herndon was named one of the “best affordable suburbs” in the nation by *Business Week* Magazine.

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